

## REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-JUNE 28, 2004

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Deputy Mayor Gregory Haddad at 7:36 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

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Present: Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paulhus, Thorkelson

Absent: Paterson (out of town on vacation) Blair, Redding, Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes with one correction. Mr. Thorkelson is moving to Wales and not England.

So passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS

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Mr. Richard Pellegrine, Clover Mill Road, addressed the Council on University of Connecticut Spring Weekend and other party weekends. He urged the Town to be more aggressive with the Zoning regulations and Health issues which govern the off campus apartments/rentals. He has observed that there seems to be many cars in the parking lots for Carriage House apartments, which indicate to him that the apartments are probably overpopulated. He does not believe it is right that other groups must go through and follow many regulations to do anything and yet these parties do not. Key issues: occupancy rules, large gatherings, noise ordinance, and the no parking ordinance. All of these are already in the Town of Mansfield Code book. He urged the Council to look at the Town for possible solutions and not blame the University for everything.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

## 1. Amendment to Emergency Preparedness Ordinance

No comments from the public, therefore Public Hearing were immediately closed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

## 2. Amendment to Emergency Preparedness Ordinance

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective June 28, 2004, to adopt the amendment to Chapter 21, Emergency Preparedness, of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances, as proposed by staff in its draft dated June 28, 2004, and which amendment shall become effective 21 days after publication in a newsletter having circulation in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded to add Conservation Commission comments to Aquifer Mapping Regulations under 11b

So passed unanimously.

3. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

New correspondence in packet. Council not required to take any action on this item.

4. University Spring Weekend

Council members asked the Town Manager to get a final disposition of some of the arrests made on Spring Weekend. Also requested was a dollar amount attached to the hours of the volunteers who worked that weekend for the Town. Council would like to think about setting up its own committee to handle the "town problem" and that the committee would then meet with the University of Connecticut's subcommittee on substance abuse. Town Manager noted that the University has hired a fulltime staff person to deal with substance abuse. This person will begin this summer.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

5. Youth Service Bureau Grant Program

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, retroactive to June 17, 2004, that the Town Manager, Martin H. Berliner, be authorized to submit an application to the Connecticut Department of Education to receive funding for the operation of the Mansfield Youth Service Bureau for the period beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

So passed unanimously.

6. Property Tax Suspense List

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective June 28, 2004, to transfer \$59,653.66 in outstanding property taxes to the Mansfield Property Tax Suspense List, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

So passed unanimously.

7. Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Recreation and Parks Month in the Town of Mansfield and Proclamation Designating July 18-24, 2004 as National Aquatics Week in the Town of Mansfield.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to move effective June 28, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Recreation and Parks Month and July 18-24, 2004 as

National Aquatics Week in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed. Mr. Thorkelson abstained

8. Status Report on Pending Claims and Litigation

The quarterly status report regarding pending claims and litigation were in the Council's packet. No action necessary by Council.

9. Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Regional School District 19 for Public Works Services

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective June 28, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed "Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Regional School District No. 19 for Public Works Services", for a term to begin on July 1, 2004 and to expire on June 30, 2007.

So passed unanimously.

10. Temporary Position-Clerk of the Works for Birch Road Bikeway Project

Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective June 28, 2004, to establish a temporary non-union Clerk of the Works position to be set at grade 31 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan, which position shall terminate on or before the expiration of the Birch Road Bikeway project.

So passed unanimously.

11. Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 760, CSEA (Police)

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that effective June 28, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Mansfield and Local 760, CSEA (Police) for a term beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2007.

So passed unanimously.

11b. Conservation Commission Comments to Aquifer Mapping Regulations

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Clouette seconded to authorize the Conservation Commission to pass on to the DEP the comments from the Commission on the Aquifer Mapping Regulations.

So passed unanimously.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Chris Paulhus announced that he would be willing to be on the Correctional Facility Liaison as the representative of the Council. His name will be given to the Committee on Committees.

Mr. Alan Hawkins went with Mr. Kevin Grunwald, Social Services Director, to Stamford, Ct. to view an early childhood education program. This well run facility is for four year olds and costs about \$12,500 per child. There is a sliding scale fee, which is based on "ability to pay".

On June 15, 2004 Mr. Chris Paulhus attended the ribbon cutting of the new facility for girls at the Natchaug Hospital.

Mr. Gregory Haddad attended today's State Senate Caucus where our State Senator Mr. Donald Williams will become President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

#### X. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

The Town Manager announced that we were receiving a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to fund the incremental cost of one hybrid electric Honda Civic.

The EIE has been completed for the UConn Hazardous Waste facility, and the work will begin in a few months on the new facility.

There have been some structural difficulties at the old Town Hall. There are plans to fund the project. The old Town Hall is presently the home of the Mansfield Historical Society. This summer's exhibits have been moved out of that Hall.

The Fire and Emergency Management Committee gave a presentation to the fire departments on the fire and emergency management services project.

The Town Manager thanked Mr. Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, for his coordination of the statewide meeting for Town Managers recently held at the University of Connecticut, Nathan Hale.

#### XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Discussion of forming a committee regarding substance abuse and the problems in town especially on University weekends.

#### XII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

12. Mansfield Planning and Zoning Application Referral-6 Lot Subdivision at the Corner of Bone Mill Road and Route 44

13. R.Favretti and E. Paterson re: Comments on Draft EIE:UConn Football Complex,

- Intramural, Recreational and Intercollegiate Athletic Facility and Tennis Facility.  
14. E. Paterson and M. Berliner re:” Thank You Letter to Fran’s Fish and Chips  
15. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Legislative Update-“Revaluation 197  
Changes Pass General Assembly.  
16. COST Town Leaders’ Action Bulletin  
17. Connecticut Department of Transportation re: Hybrid Electric Honda Civic

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Clouette moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to adjourn the Town Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Gregory Haddad, Deputy Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk